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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,802,975 to Prem et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,401,613 to Gayle et al.

With respect to claims 1-2 and 5, Prem et al. teaches a printing machine including a print cylinder, 22, provided with radial holes for emitting compressed air in order to allow the introduction and removal of a print sleeve, 24, carrying a print cliché, characterized in that said print cylinder consists of a fixed shaft on which there is slidably mounted the print sleeve, in that the print cylinder is supported at one end by releasable support means suitable to allow the axial movement of the print sleeve, and in that it includes means for axially moving the print sleeve between a retracted work position and an extended sleeve change position in which it projects through the machine side. See column 3, line 43 - column 4, line 9 and Fig. 3 in particular. Prem et al. also teaches that the print sleeve is airtightly slidably mounted on the fixed shaft and its axial movement is achieved by means of the same compressed air used to replace the print sleeve. See column 4, lines 26-38 and Figs. 4-6.

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Prem et al. does not teach a slidably mounted mobile cylinder carrying said print sleeve.

Gayle et al. teaches a printing machine including a print cylinder which consists of a shaft, 10, on which there is slidably mounted a mobile cylinder, 50, which carries a print sleeve, 52, for mounting onto the shaft.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the apparatus of Prem et al. to include a mobile cylinder, as taught by Gayle et al. so that the sleeve does not have to be mounted directly on the print cylinder shaft.

3. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prem et al. in view of Gayle et al. as applied to claims 1-2 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,241,905 to Guaraldi et al.

With respect to claims 3-4, Prem et al. and Gayle et al. teach all that is claimed, as in the above rejection of claims 1-2 except that the releasable support means consist of a dismountable flange with a removable part and of a piston suitable to engage a corresponding seat in the cylinder.

Guaraldi et al. teaches a printing machine having a cylinder with releasable support means consist of a dismountable flange with a removable part and a piston suitable to engage a corresponding seat in the cylinder. See column 4, line 29 - column 5, line 26.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the apparatus of Prem et al. to have the support means and piston of Guaraldi et al. in order to more easily remove and replace the cylinder.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed November 5, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that element 10 of Gayle is not a shaft, but instead a fixed print cylinder, the element 10 of Gayle acts as a shaft for the cylinder, 50, and therefore, given its broadest reasonable interpretation, must be considered a shaft for the purposes of rejecting applicant's claims.

In response to applicant's argument that element 50 of Gayle is not a slidably mounted mobile cylinder, but instead is a bridge or inner sleeve, element 50 is slidably mounted and cylindrically shaped and therefore, given its broadest reasonable interpretation, must be considered a slidably mounted mobile cylinder for the purposes of rejecting applicant's claims.

Although the distinctions mentioned in applicant's arguments may exist between applicant's disclosed invention and that taught by Gayle, the claim language does not reflect these distinctions and therefore the rejection is upheld.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill E. Culler whose telephone number is (571) 272-2159. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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